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SUBJ: THE "DEBT ISSUE" IN UNCTAD

REF: STATE 191800

SUBJECT REFTEL DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH PFAUWADEL OF
FINANCE MINISTRY WHO REPRESENTED FRANCE AT LAST MONTH'S
DEBT EXPERTS' MEETING AT UNCTAD. HE REITERATED THE
FUNDAMENTAL FRENCH
POSITION "AS EXPRESSED TO CROWE AND VOLKOW(?) IN
GENEVA" THAT UNCTAD SHOULD NOT BECOME A NEGOTIATING
FORUM ON LDC DEBT. HE ALSO AGREED THAT THE IMF/IBRD
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MIGHT BECOME THE APPROPRIATE
FORUM, BUT HE STRESSED THAT IT HAD TO PROVE ITSELF AS
A VIABLE MECHANISM FOR REAL NEGOTIATION AND DECISION,
AND THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM OF KEEPING THE DEBT
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ISSUE OUT OF UNCTAD IS ONE OF SUBSTITUTING AN
EFFECTIVE ALTERNATE FORUM.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED OCTOBER DEBT EXPERTS' MEETING,
PFAUWADEL SAID THAT THE ISSUE POSES A PROBLEM FOR
FRANCE BECAUSE SUCH A MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED
"IN PRINCIPLE" WITH THE ASSENT OF FRANCE, REPRESENTED

BY A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (WHO, HE IMPLIED, WAS NOT PROPERLY INSTRUCTED). PFAUWADEL IS NEVERTHELESS HOPEFUL THAT SINCE NO AGENDA HAS YET BEEN AGREED UPON FOR OCTOBER MEETING, SUCH A MEETING MAY BE AVOIDABLE BECAUSE DISCUSSION OF ITS AGENDA MIGHT LEAD DIRECTLY INTO DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF "NEGOTIATING" ON THE DEBT ISSUE WITHIN UNCTAD. ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH SEE SOME "DISCUSSION" OF THE DEBT ISSUE WITHIN UNCTAD AS INEVITABLE, GOF SHARES US VIEW THAT NO "NEGOTIATION" OF DEBT QUESTIONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE WITHIN THIS FORUM.

PFAUWADEL STRESSED THAT, DESPITE VIEWS OUTLINED ABOVE, ABILITY OF FRANCE TO SIDE STRONGLY WITH US AT GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER MIGHT BE IMPAIRED BY:

A) NEED TO COORDINATE POSITION WITH EC (RESULTS OF THIS COORDINATION WILL NOT BE KNOWN BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST), AND

B) ROLE OF FRANCE AS COORDINATOR FOR GROUP B, WHICH WILL LESSEN ITS ABILITY TO ADVOCATE OWN VIEWS.

PFAUWADEL EXPECTS TO BE ON OR TO HEAD FRENCH DELEGATION AT SEPTEMBER 5-9 MEETING AND WOULD WELCOME DIRECT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH US DELEGATION ON
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